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Weekly Grand Traverse Bay Beach Report (Wednesday Sampling)

Samples Collected June 13, 2018, Reported June 14, 2018

<u>Beach</u>	sample results E. coli count per 100ml	30 day Geometric Mean	Water Quality Index
West End	3	N/A	1
TC Volley Ball Beach	1	N/A	1
Clinch Park	5	N/A	1
Bryant Park	17	N/A	1
East Bay (Milliken) Park	20	N/A	1
TC State Park	2	N/A	1
Sayler Park	1	N/A	1
Sunset Park	15	N/A	1
TC Senior Center	10	N/A	1

Water Quality Index	Body Contact Limits	E.coli/100ml (Single Event)	E.coli/100ml (30 day geo- mean)
Level 1	E. coli levels meet MDEQ swimming standards for full body contact.	0-300	0-130
Level 2	E. coli levels meet MDEQ standards for wading, fishing, and boating. Contact above the waist not advised.	301-1000	131-1000
Level 3	E. coli levels exceed MDEQ standards, no body contact advised.	>1000	>1000
Level 4	Health Alert. E. coli levels and/or known gross contamination of beach waters. Avoid contact with beach waters.		

Note: Beach samples are routinely collected once a week. Therefore E. coli levels may not meet the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) standards between sampling days. E. coli levels are more likely to increase after a storm.

Note: For those beaches utilizing the geometric mean of three individual samples, if beach samples contain more than 130 E.coli/100ml, as a 30-day geometric mean, a notice for that beach will be set at the water quality index of 2 and will remain until the 30-day geometric mean is below 130 E.coli per 100ml.

^{*}E.coli levels for Dock Rd Beach are calculated utilizing the geometric mean of three (3) individual samples. All other beaches utilize a composite of three (3) samples. Both sampling methods are approved by the MDEQ.